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ANNUAL REPORT
of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
and
CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR
for
1941

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1941

To the
Chairman and Members of the Farnborough Urban District Council,

Madam and Gentlemen,

In accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, an Annual Report on the lines usually prepared has not been attempted. Most of the written figures and statistics have been left out and only matters of general interest included.

In July, Dr.W.C.Walmsley, M.O.H. left the service of the Council to join His Majesty's Forces and he was succeeded by Dr. G.O.F.Sealy.

A third Sanitary Inspector, Mr.H.Woodcock, was appointed in February but the second Sanitary Inspector, Mr.R.H.Hebbron, left the service of the Council to take up another appointment in October.

Miss M.H.Savill left the district in November and resigned her position as senior clerk, her place being taken by Mrs.E.Clothier.

Mr.H.Woodcock was promoted to second Sanitary Inspector and the position of third Sanitary Inspector was not filled by the end of the year. The Council eventually decided to appoint an unqualified assistant, in his stead.

SECTION A

General Provision of Health Services in the Area.

Public Health Staff

The Public Health Staff consists of:-

Medical Officer of Health

DR. W.C.D.WALMSLEY, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. to July 1941

DR. G.O.F.SEALY, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.(Eng.) from July 1941

Chief Sanitary Inspector and Superintendent
of Public Cleansing (whole time).

H.L.SNOWDEN

Certificate, Sanitary Inspectors' Examination Board
Certified Meat and Food Inspector (Royal Sanitary Institute)
Certified Smoke Inspector (Royal Sanitary Institute)
Diploma, Advanced Hygiene (Institute of Hygiene)
Finalist (City and Guilds of London Institute).

Second Sanitary Inspector (whole time)

R.H.HEBERON to October 1941

Certificate, Sanitary Inspectors' Examination Board
Certified Meat and Food Inspector (Royal Sanitary Institute)

Third Sanitary Inspector (whole time)

H.WOODCOCK

Certificate, Sanitary Inspectors' Examination Board
Certified Meat and Food Inspector (Royal Sanitary Institute)

Clarks

Miss M.H. SAVILL to November 1941

Mrs. E.CLOTHIER from December 1941

P.G.GOODMAN

AMBULANCE SERVICE.

The Ambulance Service functioned satisfactorily during the year. In July the Council appointed an assistant ambulance driver. This man carries out other duties in the Department when not engaged in ambulance driving.

The following table gives details of the work carried out by this service during the year:-

Ambulance No. 1 (Infectious Diseases)

Cases of Infectious Disease removed to Hospital:-

Aldershot Borough Council	22
Frimley & Camberley U.D.C.	29
Fleet U.D.C.	11
Farnborough U.D.C.	20
County T.B.cases	<u>4</u>
	<u>86</u>

Mileage travelled - 2741.3

Six bodies were removed to the mortuary, 32 consignments of bedding disinfected and 17 disinfested. In addition 61 rooms were disinfected and disinfested.

Ambulance No. 2

Cases of General Sickness removed to hospitals and other places	210
Accident cases	<u>35</u>
	<u>245</u>

Mileage travelled - 4099

Laboratory Facilities

Nursing in the Home

Treatment Centres and Clinics.

Hospitals

There was no change in these services during 1941.

SECTION C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

(a) Water

Samples were taken from the public water supply at intervals during the year. Samples of the same supply are also taken by the Urban District Council of Frimley and Camberley and

the results of the examination are supplied to both authorities. Fifteen samples were taken in all, of which four samples showed a hardness in excess of the statutory figure of 12°.

(b) Drainage and Sewerage - as in 1940

(c) Rivers and Streams - " " "

(d) Closet Accommodations - " " "

(e) Public Cleansing and Salvage

Considerable progress was made with this work during the year. The public cleansing and salvage service was entirely re-organised and an intensive canvass of the whole district was carried out and a salvage stewards' scheme organised. This resulted in the appointment of some 530 stewards, being one to every five or six houses. The stewards were provided with sacks and a receptacle which they put out on collection day and the other householders in the group deposit their salvage in these containers. Under this scheme the salvage is collected from the stewards once per week and the dustbin is emptied once per fortnight.

A system of communal bins was also put into operation during the year for the collection of pig food and 371 bins are in use in the district.

The work involved in organising this scheme was considerable but has been thoroughly justified by the results. All Local Authorities have since been requested by the Ministry of Supply to form a salvage stewards' organisation.

Two additional vehicles were purchased during the year. A Humber van was obtained from a breaking up yard for £40 and after overhauling has done very good work, especially during the changeover to the new system. A Commer, ex Army vehicle, was obtained through an arrangement with the Ministry of Supply and this eventually replaced the Humber van, and, to a large extent, the old freighter. The Humber van is now kept as a reserve vehicle for salvage and civil defence duties.

SALVAGE STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1941

	<u>Amount Salvaged</u>	<u>Money Received</u>
Waste Paper	204 tons 15 cwts.	£842. 15. 0
Rags and Bagging	13 tons 10 cwts.	146. 9. 0
Bones	9 tons	30. 10. 0
Bottles	239 gross	47. 15. 0
Kitchen waste	208 tons	265. 0. 0
Non Ferrous metals	1 ton	17. 14. 0
Ferrous metals	101 tons	134. 14. 0
		<u>£1,484. 17. 0</u>

(f) Refuse Collection

As stated above, there was a changeover during the year from a weekly to a fortnightly collection of ashes. This has proved entirely satisfactory. This section of the work is now carried out by one vehicle.

During the year the salvage work was considerably handicapped by the loss of the Salvage Depot by fire and for a considerable period the work had to be carried out in the open. The re-building and the extension of the Depot was completed by the end of the year.

(g) Sanitary Inspection of the Area

This work was continued during the year.

SECTION D.

HOUSING

There was a constant demand for housing accommodation resulting in a waiting list of 118 for council houses at the end of the year.

Owing to the shortage of the larger type of working class house, it has not been possible to abate overcrowding in several cases. These houses are occupied by large families who were overcrowded on the "Appointed Day" or have since become overcrowded by reason of the increase in the size of the families.

Work on the inspection and repair of dwelling houses continued during the year so far as circumstances have permitted.

SECTION E

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) Sampling of Milk

Samples were taken as frequently as possible. The increase in the number of unsatisfactory results was considerable. 54 samples were obtained, of which 23 were unsatisfactory. The necessary action was taken in all cases and repeat samples obtained.

Sterility Test

8 milk bottles were obtained and submitted for a sterility test. Seven were satisfactory and one unsatisfactory. In this case the necessary action was taken.

(b) Meat and Other Foods

There are two slaughterhouses in the district under the control of the Ministry of Food. A regular system of meat inspection is observed, the visits for this purpose numbering 252. The inspection of carcasses has been carried out as recommended by memo 62 (foods). Vehicles carrying meat have also been kept under observation, and complaints made to the appropriate authorities in this direction resulted in the necessary improvements being effected.

Slaughtering is carried out in Farnborough for the adjoining districts and as a result of the increased work involved, a third sanitary inspector was appointed in February 1941, the Urban District Council of Fleet and the Rural District Council of Hartley Wintney contributing to his salary. This arrangement operated until the resignation of Mr. R.H. Hebborn in October.

Periodical visits have been made to food shops to inspect the premises or the food therein.

Five potted meat samples were obtained and submitted to the analyst to be sampled for horseflesh content. The results were inconclusive as the laboratory was unable to carry out the necessary test.

MEAT INSPECTION

Bullocks	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	
988	360	483	3338	716	Number inspected
988	360	483	3873	725	Number killed in Farnborough
7	6	-	-	-	<u>Tuberculosis</u> Whole carcasses condemned
120	125	1	-	21	Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned
12.8	36.39	.21	-	2.93	Percentage
-	2	-	1	8	<u>Other Diseases</u> Whole carcasses condemned
111	70	11	28	23	Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned
11.23	20.0	2.28	.87	4.33	Percentage.

The amount of meat condemned amounted to 7 tons.

Tinned Food

A large amount of tinned food was inspected and it was necessary to condemn the following quantities:

161 tins of unsweetened milk
15 tins of sweetened milk
4 6lb tins of corned pork
4 6lb tins of corned beef
29 Others

Food Decontamination Service

An additional wartime duty placed on the department was the organisation of this service, the purpose of which is to protect food from possible contamination by poison gas and to deal with any food that may become contaminated.

In order to deal with this matter effectively, an informal committee was formed comprising the sanitary inspectors of the areas of Aldershot, Farnborough, Fleet, Hartley Wintney, Alton Urban and Alton Rural Districts. This area was designated

by the Ministry of Food as group 10 but later altered to the Hants' No.3 area to correspond with the Civil Defence area of the County. This Committee met regularly during the year, both to consider the subject generally and to work out arrangements for mutual help between the authorities. The recommendations of the Committee were sent to all the Local Authorities in the area, the County Area Precautions Officer and the Ministry of Food. A scheme was prepared and representatives of the Ministry of Food came to discuss the matter with the Committee. It is pleasing to report that after a deputation to the Ministry of Food by representatives of the Sanitary Inspectors' Association, the principal proposals were put into effect.

SECTION F

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The incidence of Infectious Diseases remained low and there were no epidemics.

During the year 1,170 children were immunised against Diphtheria, making a total of 2,376 children immunised since the scheme first came into operation. This represents approximately 50% of the children in the area.

We remain,

Your obedient Servants,

G.O.F.Sealy,
Medical Officer of Health.

H.L.Snowden
Chief Sanitary Inspector.